

In reply refer to
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OGC Has Reviewed


Dear Alan:

I have received your letter of June 21, 1949, in which you inquire whether Czechoslovakia was "allied with the United States in the prosecution of the war." You state that the information is needed for purposes of determining the employability under Section 202 of the 1949 Independent Appropriation Act in which the quoted language is used.

Although, strictly speaking, the United States had no formal military alliance with any foreign nation during the Second World War, the Department has taken the position that, for purposes of a particular statute, e.g. the Section 6B (1) and (2) of the Selective Service Act of 1948, the term "allied with the United States" might be interpreted as being applicable to all of the nations which signed or adhered to the United Nations Declaration of January 1, 1942. Czechoslovakia is one of those nations, and the Department would have no objection to your regarding it as having been "allied with the United States" for purposes of the particular statute involved here.

Sincerely yours,

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